

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

### **Claims 1-15 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 16 (Currently Amended)** A digital data recording/reproduction method for recording and reproducing digital data in units of clusters, which are each the smallest unit of data recording on a disk recording medium, said method comprising:

- constructing a file structure, when recording new data, on the disk recording medium in which recordable clusters are connected in advance of starting data recording;
- recording digital data from the head of the recordable clusters; and
- constituting, as a recorded file, the digital data from a recording head cluster to a recording end cluster.

**Claim 17 (Previously Presented)** The digital data recording/reproduction method according to claim 16, further comprising:

- detecting, when an abend occurs during said recording digital data from the head of the recordable clusters, the abend of data recording after recovery from the abend; and
- constituting, as a recorded file, the digital data which has been recorded from the start of data recording to the abend on the basis of format information of the digital data.

**Claim 18 (Previously Presented)** The digital data recording/reproduction method according to claim 16, wherein format information of the digital data is a sync byte of a transport packet.

**Claim 19 (Previously Presented)** The digital data recording/reproduction method according to claim 16, wherein format information of the digital data is time information.

### **Claims 20-26 (Canceled)**